



## ReddiNet on the Web??

Coordination between hospitals and public safety agencies in Orange County is accomplished by two communications systems, ReddiNet and HEAR. ReddiNet is an acronym for **R**apid **E**mergency **D**igital **D**ata **I**nformation **N**etwork; HEAR is an acronym for **H**ospital **E**mergency **A**ministrative **R**adio. The Healthcare Association of Southern California provides and maintains both of these resources.

The ReddiNet system is a data radio communications system linking computers located at each Paramedic Receiving Center (PRC) and a couple non-Paramedic Receiving Centers in Orange County with Orange County Communications (OCC) and Orange County EMS. HEAR is a voice radio

Communications system linking radios located at these same facilities. Both systems are an integral part of our EMS system and are used to keep all EMS players informed of current events by sending and receiving informational messages as well as to coordinate disaster incidents such as Mass Casualty Incidents.

In addition, the ReddiNet system allows "real time" updates on such things as a hospital's diversion status. This information is important to fire and ambulance personnel.

Currently, only those facilities with a ReddiNet terminal have access to current diversion information. The Healthcare Association is developing a program that will allow authorized users to access the hospital diversion screen from any computer. This could be a cost-effective method for fire departments, ambulance companies and hospital administrative staff to have access to hospital diversion status without incurring the cost of purchasing a ReddiNet terminal.

We have just been notified that the software has been written and the cabling and computer hardware has been installed at Loma Ridge. *Beta*-testing of the system should begin the week of August 5<sup>th</sup>. Any hospital, fire department or ambulance company interested in participating in this beta-testing process is asked to contact Rosemarie Shamieh at (213) 538-0756 or <mailto:rshamieh@hasc.org> or Linda Tripoli at (213) 538-0709 or <mailto:lttripoli@hasc.org>.

## Infant Abandonment

A recent increase in infant abandonment in Los Angeles County has prompted media attention on the topic. In 2000, the California State Senate approved a bill (SB 1368) to permit infants under 72 hours old to be legally taken to hospital emergency departments as a "Safe Haven." The law gave counties the ability to expand on Safe Haven resources. The media had been reporting that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has included fire stations and health clinics as Safe Havens. This is not the case in Orange County where, in addition to hospital emergency departments, Orangewood Children's Home is the only other location currently designated as an additional Safe Haven. Southland media markets have nonetheless reported that an unwanted newborn can be taken to 'any fire station.'

The potential exists that public confusion may lead to an attempt to abandon an infant at an Orange County fire station. OCEMS is encouraging each fire department to have a plan in place for handling this situation should it occur. As a general guideline, OCEMS suggests the following\*:

1. Treat the situation as a walk-in medical aid.
2. Include a full assessment of the infant and transport the infant to a local emergency room.
3. If possible, include the parent in the transport as additional medical history and information will be obtained by hospital personnel.
4. Notify the local police agency.

(\*Excerpted from guidelines developed by the Orange County Fire Authority.)

## APPROVAL OF BURN CENTER AT WESTERN MEDICAL CENTER/SANTA ANA

On July 3, the State Department of Health Services approved a 5-bed burn center at Western Medical Center/Santa Ana. Patients sustaining burn injuries that are evaluated through the 9-1-1 system may be transported to either Western Medical Center/Santa Ana or to UCI Medical Center, whichever is most accessible, if the base hospital determines that the services of a burn center are indicated. Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy #240.30 regarding specialty centers will be revised to reflect this information.

Any questions regarding the new burn center should be directed to Meredith Rattay, Program Director, Grossman Burn Services, at (714) 953-3444. Should you have any questions regarding patient destination, please contact Jane Elder, EMS Coordinator, at (714) 834-2926.

## HEAR/REDDINET TEST SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

DATE	SHIFT	TEST
8-1	DAY	HEAR-A
8-2	MID	ReddiNet - Blue Net
8-5	DAY	ReddiNet - Red Net
8-7	MID	ReddiNet - Green Net
8-9	EVE	HEAR-A
8-10	DAY	ReddiNet - Yellow Net
8-14	DAY	ReddiNet - Green Net
8-15	MID	HEAR-A
8-16	DAY	ReddiNet - Red Net
8-20	EVE	ReddiNet - Yellow Net
8-21	MID	ReddiNet - Yellow Net
8-22	MID	HEAR-A
8-23	MID	ReddiNet - Blue Net
8-24	MID	ReddiNet - Red Net
8-25	EVE	ReddiNet - Green Net
8-27	DAY	HEAR-A
8-30	EVE	ReddiNet - Blue Net
8-31	EVE	HEAR-A

DAY = 0700-1500  
MID = 2300-0700

EVE = 1500-2300



### Upcoming Paramedic Education



Sep 10 Prehospital Education 8:30 am UCIMC  
Sep 13 Prehospital Education 9:00 am Mission

### Upcoming EMT Recert Classes

8/8 to 8/11 Sun Capo-LB ROP (949) 496-3118  
9/14 to 9/16 S/S/M CSFM (949) 888-1753 ext 2  
10/4 to 10/12 F/S SA College (714) 564-6837  
10/18 to 10/26 F/S Orange Coast College (714) 432-5089  
10/21 to 11/3 Sun Saddleback (949) 582-4581  
10/26 to 10/28 S/S/M CSFM (949) 888-1753 ext 2  
11/2 to 11/16 Sat NOCROP (714) 502-5962

For additional EMT recert classes, contact UCLA Center for Pre-hospital Care at (310) 794-8797.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS



Aug 01	Fire Chiefs EMS	9:00 am	North Net
Aug 08	DEAG	9:00 am	OCEMS
Aug 08	PCC (closed)	12:00 pm	OCEMS
Aug 09	RPAC/Inservice	8:30 am	Mission
Aug 12	EMSC (closed)	10:00 am	OCEMS
Aug 12	QAB	12:30 pm	OCFA Stn. 64
Aug 15	RPAC/Inservice	8:30 am	AMMC
Aug 16	RPAC/Inservice	8:30 am	St. Jude
Aug 23	EMCC	9:00 am	OCEMS

Sep 02	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
Sep 05	Fire Chiefs EMS	9:00 am	NorthNet
Sep 05	Prehosp. Care Coord.	1:00 pm (closed)	OCEMS
Sep 06	RPAC/Inservice	8:30 am	Hoag
Sep 10	Facilities	9:00 am	OCEMS
Sep 11	BHPD	10:00 am	OCEMS
Sep 11	BHPD/PCC Jt. Mtg	12:00 pm	OCEMS
Sep 11	CPAC	1:00 pm	OCEMS
Sep 13	RPAC/Inservice	8:30 am	WMC/SA

**Note: Paramedic Inservice follows all RPAC meetings**